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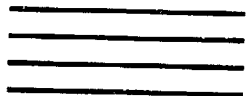
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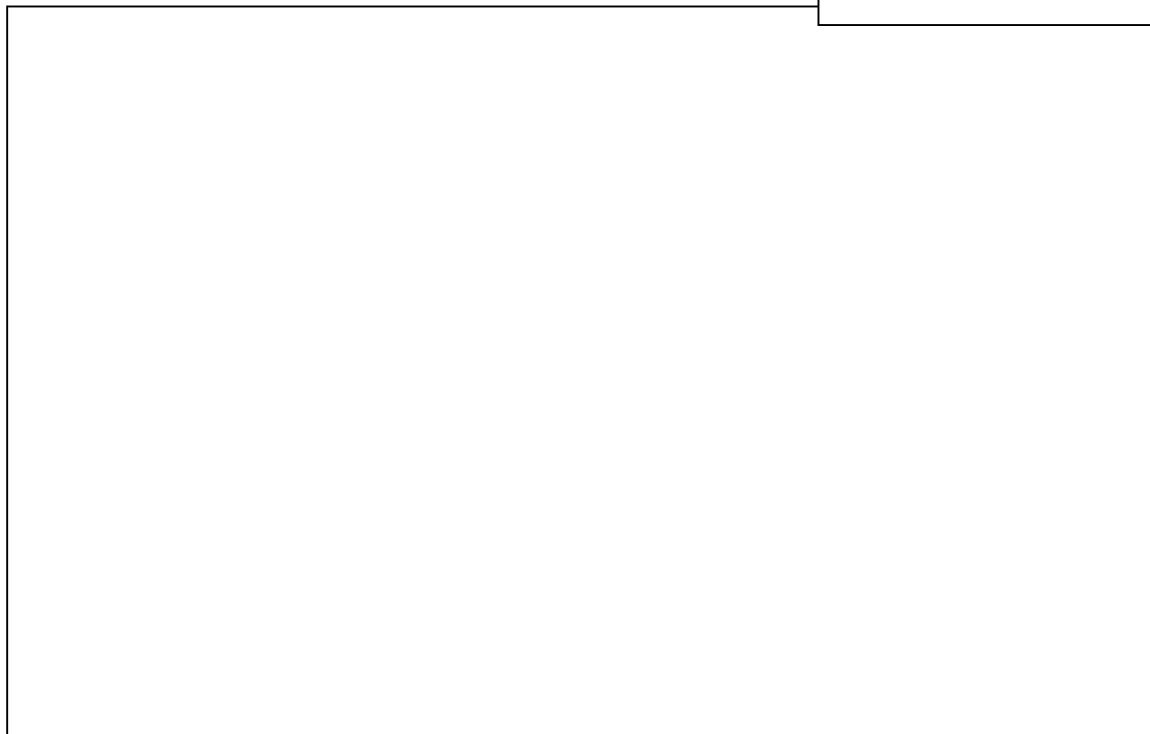
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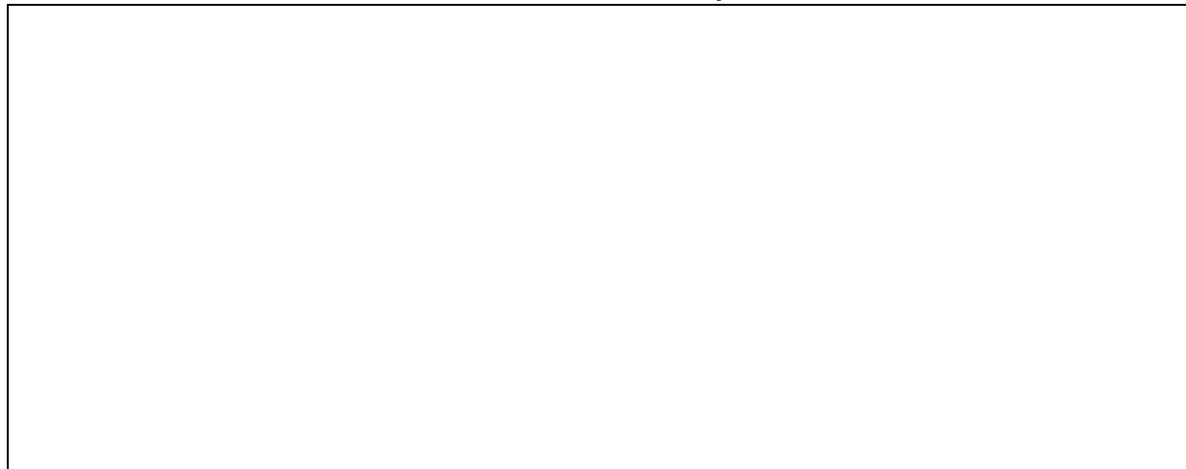
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Burundi:

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Tutsi opposition parties' maneuvering for a dominant role in the process to confirm or replace Interim President Ntibantunganya, a Hutu, risks rekindling communal violence that killed 50,000 Hutus and Tutsis last October. In recent weeks, thousands of Tutsis attended opposition party rallies that denounced the ruling Hutu party and called for strikes against the interim government. [redacted]

- Former President Bagaza, who recently launched a hardline Tutsi political party, supports partitioning Burundi between the dominant Hutus and the Tutsis if political negotiations fail, [redacted]

- *The Tutsi opposition parties almost certainly will press their demands that the Tutsi-dominated constitutional court rule on the selection of a new president and that Tutsis secure additional cabinet seats or more prominent roles in the government.*

- The Tutsi-dominated military, which has launched three coup attempts in the past year, opposes any Hutu-dominated government and, in particular, says it will not accept a Hutu president and plans to continue protecting Tutsi interests in the government. [redacted]

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